the Ministry of Defence. The land is yet to be acquired by the Government of Karnataka.

Representation given by Nepal Sadhbhawana Party (A)

3392. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation has been received by Government from the Nepal Sadhbhawana Party (A) pertaining to discrimination and oppression faced by the Madheshis people living in plains and Tarai of Nepal, who are called as people of Indian origin and denied recruitment in Royal Nepal Army, for recruitment in Indian Army and creation of Madhesish Regiment in the Indian Army; and

(b) the action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The Government have received representation from the Nepal Sadhbhawana Party (A) for recruitment in the Indian Army and creation of Madhesish Regiment.

(b) As per the existing policy, no new Regiment is being raised on the basis of any class, creed and religion. However the Madheshis people living in the plains of Tarai of Nepal are eligible for recruitment in the existing Regiments of Gorkha Riffles subject to their meeting the requisite educational, physical, and medical standards and passing the recruitment tests.

Use of IAF aircrafts by former PM and Ministers

†3393. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether former Cabinet Ministers including former Prime Ministers have undertaken air-trips by IAF aircrafts during the period from 1st January, 2000 to 31st March, 2004 and till date;

(b) if so, the year-wise details of the trips undertaken by each of them separately;

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